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SUMMARY



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8. The South Vietnamese Government on 24 September announced publication of a white paper on Communist Aggression in South Vietnam, claiming there have been 24,777 victims of Viet Cong terrorism in 1962 and the first half of 1963. The white paper denounces neutralization proposals as incompatible with national unity, since they would apply only to South Vietnam, leaving North Vietnam in Communist hands.

9. General Dinh, sent on leave two weeks ago, is apparently again on good terms with Diem and Nhu, since he resumed command of the III Corps area north of Saigon on 23 September.

10. The Ninth Division, transferred from II Corps to reinforce the delta region, is to close in its new area by 1 October. Its zone of operations includes two provinces in the heart of the Mekong Delta and three adjacent to Cambodia.

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